



# Maryland Agriculture Data

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report



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### Over Half of the Corn Crop Planted

The dry weather trend continues in Maryland as farmers spent 6.8 **suitable days in the fields** for the week ending May 13<sup>th</sup>. This allowed planting to progress steadily with **sweet corn** planting 52 percent complete, 4 percent higher than the previous week, **tomatoes** 65 percent complete, 10 percent higher than the previous week, and **green pea** planting is virtually complete. **Field corn** is currently 68 percent planted, 28 percent higher than the previous week, and 10 percent ahead of the five-year average. While the dry conditions have contributed to the increase in corn planted, some farmers may have to delay further planting in non-irrigated fields until they receive rain.

Fruit blooms for **apples** and **peaches** are nearing completion. **Strawberries** are 82 percent bloomed, running 10 percent behind last year's crop and 1 percent behind the five-year average. Strawberry harvest has begun in some areas with 3 percent of the crop harvested.

**Hay** supplies are reported in adequate condition for the most part. Hay supplies are rated 1 percent very short, 6 percent short, 89 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. The dry conditions experienced recently are ideal for cutting hay. However, alfalfa and grass yields are reduced in many areas due to lack of moisture.

### MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 13, 2001 (PERCENT)

ITEM	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE 1996-2000
Small Grain Development:				
Barley, headed	88	71	91	90
Rye, headed	70	67	91	82
Winter Wheat, headed	40	14	79	59
Planting Progress:				
Cantaloupes	57	32	57	60
Cucumbers	34	24	35	35
Field Corn	68	40	63	58
Lima Beans	10	5	9	11
Snap Beans	22	8	18	33
Soybeans	11	8	8	6
Sweet Corn	52	48	53	55
Tomatoes	65	55	49	58
Watermelons	36	19	30	46
Fruit Crops:				
Strawberries, bloomed	82	75	92	83
Strawberries, harvested	3	- -	12	11
Hay Harvested:				
Other hay, 1 <sup>st</sup> cutting	14	7	16	15
Alfalfa, 1st cutting	16	6	30	13

### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 13, 2001 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	24	61	15	0
Topsoil (2000)	2	19	75	4
Subsoil Moisture	7	42	51	0
Subsoil (2000)	1	12	81	6

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